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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Amanda Acuna, Senior Planner  
City of Gardena  
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RE: City of Gardena Land Use Plan,  
Zoning Code & Zoning Amendment  
(DEIR)  
SCH # 2023040334  
GTS #07-LA-2023-04424  
Vic. LA Multiple

Dear Amanda Acuna,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The project proposes the City of Gardena Land Use Plan, Land Use Map, Zoning Code, and Zoning Map Amendment which will facilitate the provision of adequate sites for residential development to accommodate the City's regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) and to allow for additional residential development opportunities should they arise.

After reviewing the DEIR, Caltrans has the following comments regarding active transportation:

Caltrans understands that the Draft EIR states there is a less than significant impact that the project would conflict with bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and no mitigation measures are required. The project objectives include providing opportunities to align housing with state and local sustainability goals. Caltrans recommends the City of Gardena follow the project objectives and support improvements to sidewalk quality and bike networks throughout the new residential development.

Additionally, Caltrans supports the Project's consistency with SCAG's 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). By providing for increased residential development within an urbanized area served by

existing transit, the Project would lower Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per capita under the City's cumulative buildout conditions, and consequently lead to reductions in regional greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and air pollution. We look forward to reviewing future projects that support improvements to neighborhood mobility, increase access to active transportation, and foster healthy communities through long-term sustainable development.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at [anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov](mailto:anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS #07-LA-2023-04424.

Sincerely,

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